

April 11, 2018  
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular April meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ken Coles on April 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman Kenneth Coles, Vice Chair Brian Non and Supervisor Russell Curtis were present.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. Hearing Check / Meeting is audio and visual recorded - Noted**

**C. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda Only** – Matt Curtis inquired about the Clinton Township Road Plan, to which Vice Chair Non replied that there needed to be good ditches on Smith Rd, and that many ditches needed to be cleaned. Chair Coles said that he would bring up more about the Road Plan later in the meeting.

**D. Minutes of Regular Meeting March 11, 2018-** Supervisor Cole made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to accept the minutes of the regular March 11, 2018 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**E. Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pay all of the bills as presented. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**F. Road Master Report** – Road Master Brian Non explained that if someone's road is not done the road crew will get to it. There are a lot of drainage issues. In response to a question about Smith Road Supervisor Curtis spoke up and said that you can't do the dirt end of Smith Road until it dries out. He suggested that perhaps some #2 stone could be put down. Chair Coles said that in conjunction with seeking a Block Grant from the Wayne County Redevelopment Authority there would need to be a survey made, starting at the north end of Smith Road. Road Master Non should do the survey on the first mile of Smith, and if the results don't meet the criteria, they can then survey the next half mile or more. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to survey Smith Road to see if it qualifies for a Block Grant. All voted yes. The motion carried. Chair Coles explained that the survey would determine if the road had enough low-income families living on it which would then qualify for the grant which was intended to benefit low income families. Julio Ramirez spoke up about Smith Road getting much more populated. Chair Coles reminded Vice Chair Non that the survey has to be done within the next 2 weeks. Vice Chair Non mentioned that he would call for cold patch and noted that Hanson doesn't do it anymore. He then added that Little Keen, Maple, and Lillie Roads are all breaking apart. Mary Ramirez complimented the Road Master, saying that the oil and chip job was well done on Smith Road for that particular mile. Non commented that he wanted two vehicles to be able to pass safely on Smith Road. Matt Curtis asked about the Road Plan.

**A. Open Issues**

- a. **House numbers on mail boxes for emergency location** – Chief Debevec showed two signs showing Clinton Township's numeric address of 1799 written on both sides. One sign showed the numbers written horizontally and the other displayed vertical numbers. Either type can be purchased from the Browndale Fire Company for thirteen dollars. Signs can be displayed on a pole which can be purchased for an additional three dollars. He said that the fire company is gifting the signs to the township as a demo and he stated his desire that if a house can't be found you have thirty days to put up a sign or you get a fine. Checks can be made out to the Browndale Fire Company. Chair Coles spoke up and reminded citizens to include a charitable donation in the check as well.
- b. **Proposed bid to have larger trees cut to clear canopy** – During the Road Master Report Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to put out for bid to cut back the overhang on Town Hill Road for Bid. He would want chipping and clean up work done on an

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hourly basis, with the number of hours to be determined by the Supervisors. All voted yes. The motion carried. Ray Vogt reminded Vice Chair Non that there are parts of Town Hill Road with canopy, and that if it were not for those trees, there would be twice as much road dust.

**B. New Business**

- a. **Auditors' Report** – Auditor Jenifer Weist read the Auditor's Report, stating that it was completed on March 21, 2018. A written report is on file. Chair Coles thanked Mrs. Weist for giving the report and thanked the auditors for their work. Ron Poska brought out the fact that the auditors names were not listed on the legal notice and that they should have been.
- b. **Pennsylvania One Call is having their PA Safety Day Conference on May 17 in Wilkes Barre, PA.** - Announced
- c. **Wayne County Board of Elections is requesting permission to use the Clinton Township Municipal Building as a polling place for the general primary on May 15, 2018.** -Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to grant the Wayne County Board of Elections is requesting permission to use the Clinton Township Municipal Building as a polling place for the general primary on May 15, 2018. All voted yes. The motion carried.  
*(The following map subdivision approvals were made at the end of the meeting.)*
- d. **Piotrowski proposed land subdivision** – Surveyor Gary Flood presented the maps for the proposed land subdivision. A map and attending paperwork are on file. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pass the Piotrowski subdivision as long as the list of concerns stated by the county are taken care of as stated. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- e. **Torquati proposed land subdivision** - Surveyor Edward Harsh presented the maps for the proposed land subdivision. A map and attending paperwork are on file. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pass the Torquati subdivision as long as the list of concerns stated by the county are taken care of as stated. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- f. **Farley proposed land subdivision** - Surveyor Edward Harsh presented the maps for the proposed land subdivision. A map and attending paperwork are on file. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pass the Farley subdivision as long as the list of concerns stated by the county are taken care of as stated. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**C. Bowndale Fire Department** – Chief Debevic gave an oral report. A written report is on file.

- D. Public Comment** – Chair Coles stated that they had gotten a report from a neighbor in Browndale and that some of the township's missing street signs had been found. Police had investigated but the culprit was unknown. He continued by saying that he, himself, had served people at Elk Lake today (April 11, 2018). Supervisor Curtis brought up the issue of nine discarded televisions and picture tubes on Flat Rock Road. Maureen Freed informed all that for twenty dollars a car load the YMCA of Honesdale will take televisions and electronics on April 28, 2018. Any proceeds would benefit the YMCA. Supervisor Curtis said that he would call "Mitch" and see if they could be picked up by the "Keep America Beautiful" program and be put in the dumpsters at the PennDOT shed. Chief Debevec said that the problem of people dumping their garbage was widespread. Supervisor Curtis reported that the Front Street issue was all cleaned up. Vice Chair Non made a motion to put out for bid for a 2019 truck, stating that he had the specs from Wayne County Ford and that he wanted a Ford F550. Ray Vogt asked if he had considered a brand other than Ford, to which Supervisor Non countered that Dodges cost more money. Chair Coles advised waiting till convention, as was agreed upon at the March meeting. Vice Chair Non said that the fill slots are filling up so fast. He noted that he did not want to go to Gibbons and that Wayne County Ford would give more for a trade in. Vice Chair Non then withdrew the motion to put out a bid for a 2019

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truck. John Lillie said that snow storms come some winters and that the township should be prepared. Vice Chair Non said that he talked to Brad Shaffer from another township and they wanted \$80,000.00 for their used truck. The topic changed to the PSATS convention for which the township offers reimbursement for mileage and two meals a day. It was brought out that Supervisor Non wants to stay at the Lodge where the convention is actually held and that it costs more money than any nearby hotel. Chair Coles told him that if Non wanted that upgrade, Non should pay for it. Vice Chair Non said that he was willing to bear the expense of fuel and meals if the township would pay the full price of the lodging. Chair Coles said he should "eat the upgrade and call it a day." Maureen Freed brought up the issue of the township website and explained that she was working with Secretary Droppa to give more training and that the Supervisors could expect an update at the next meeting. Matt Curtis inquired about the bill on the bills list for Brian Savage for the amount of \$1,176.50 and he was told it was for the new computer system for the township office. Curtis then asked about the remainder of a bill for about \$6,000.00 back in February saying that it had not been resolved. Chair Coles told him that it was resolved and that the bill had been paid by the township. Matt Curtis stated that the tax payers ate it and he complained that the road it was spent on was washing out. Ray Vogt asked where things stood with the wind turbine company to which Chair Coles responded that the township hasn't heard anything. Ray Vogt cautioned the Supervisors to get the most money for the township as possible for the new turbines, stating that Ed Bendowsky of Bear Creek got three times per tower what Clinton Township got. Ron Poska said that it was a very different situation and that those towers were actually on township owned land. Don Salak said that at the time the deal was struck the township was offered \$30,000.00, take it or leave it. Mr. Vogt reiterated that the township really needed the money to which Chair Coles replied "We all agree with you." Vice Chair Non noted that Pleasant Mt. and Canaan Township have cell towers for which they received money. Additionally, some townships are getting money from well drilling for hundreds of dollars. He asked those in the audience to write their representatives to allow drilling in Wayne County.

- E. **Adjournment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried. Chair Coles reopened the meeting when he realized that the three map subdivisions listed on the agenda had not yet been addressed. Each of the subdivisions were addressed (see above) and the meeting was then adjourned by Chair Coles who made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non at 8:00 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.